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ANNUAL MESSAGE

A Few Extracts from the Message of Governor Chamberlain.

TIMELY RECOMMENDATIONS

Favors Establishment of Whipping Posts for Wife-Beaters; Making Desertion by Husbands of Their Families a Penalty.

Governor George E. Chamberlain has submitted his message to the legislative assembly of the state of Oregon. It deals with all public questions in a concise manner and is a complete guide for legislative action. The following subjects are discussed:

Taxation.

The experience of the last legislature should be a warning to this not to attempt too much in the way of amending statutes on the subject of taxation. A general amendatory statute hastily passed then, necessitated the convening of the legislature in special session to cure defects that invalidated the same.

That the laws of the state bearing upon this subject are badly out of joint and sadly in need of revision, goes without saying. There is a general lack of system in them taken as a whole, but it is questionable if harmony could be restored if the whole time of this session were devoted to an attempt to bring order out of chaos.

It is possible that if a tax commission were appointed to gather data, and frame a law to be reported two years hence, beneficial results might be attained. This course has been pursued in other states with partial success, and it might be well to give it a trial here. Much property escapes its just proportion of taxation, and this is particularly true in the case of personal property and money, and improvements on real property. This is susceptible of demonstration beyond any doubt. The summaries of the assessment rolls of the various counties for 1903 as filed in the office of the secretary of state, show that the value of improvements on decayed and undecayed lands was \$9,465,462 and on town and city lots was \$31,192,221, or a total assessed valuation of all improvements of \$40,657,683. The risks written by fire insurance companies on property situated within the state for the year ending December, 1903, amounted to \$95,531,484.84. It is safe to say that more than 80 per cent of this insurance is upon improvements upon real property. When it is remembered that a very large part of these improvements carry no insurance, and that property is usually insured for only about half its value, it will be seen at a glance what an enormous valuation on this class of property alone escapes taxation. The assessed value of money for the same year was \$1,375,970. If any one is interested enough in the subject to give it passing consideration, he will ascertain from an examination of the last reports to the comptroller of the currency made by the national banks of the state, that there are many single banking institutions that have on deposit amounts largely in excess of the total assessment on money.

Normal Schools.

In my first message to the legislature I recommended the abolishment of at least two of the normal schools of the state. Instead of heeding this recommendation a bill was passed, but vetoed by me, creating an additional one. If those already established are to remain as fixed and permanent institutions, it is the duty of the state to improve the service which these schools now render to the people by confining appropriations for their support to their legitimate work of training teachers. There is increasing demand for thoroughly trained teachers. The work of normal schools could be made far more effective for this purpose by eliminating all preparatory work, and concentrating the labors of their faculties upon a purely professional course of study. There is no economy in taking the time of a state normal school faculty for teaching pupils in grades that are already provided for in the common schools.

An important educational reform

could be accomplished by the adoption of a uniform course of study for all the normal schools of the state, so that persons fitting themselves for teaching could receive the same credit and recognition for work done in any one of them and have better standing at home or abroad. By placing all the normal schools under a single board of regents with a uniform course of study for all, and basing appropriations upon the number of qualified students satisfactorily completing a full year's work in the prescribed course, the state would obviate the manifest injustice and inequalities in the present system.

The Fishing Industry.

The report of the master fish warden shows in detail the transactions of the department of fisheries for the past two years, and shows the condition of the industry at the present time.

The recommendations made by him should receive your very careful consideration.

There is such a diversity of opinion among those engaged in fishing, packing and canning as to what legislation, if any, is most needed for the promotion and protection of the industry in this state, that it is impossible for one not thoroughly acquainted with the subject in all its details to make any specific recommendations. The conflict between the upper and lower river fishermen and packers seems irrepressible and irreconcilable, and besides there is a lack of uniformity between the laws of Washington and Oregon, and these conditions add to the difficulty of arriving at a proper conclusion as to what is best to be done in relation to a most important industry.

Under these circumstances, I suggest the appointment of a commission composed of men in no way connected with the business of fishing to take evidence, collect data, examine our own laws and those of Washington with instructions to prepare a law and the result of their investigations, all to be presented for the consideration of the next legislature. It is my candid opinion that unless this is done, nothing will ever be accomplished in the way of salmon propagation and protection.

Youthful Criminals.

One of the saddest things to reflect upon in connection with prison life is the large number of youths ranging in years from 16 to 25. They are not of the desperate or dangerous class, but in many instances men who fare as well if not better within the prison walls than they do on the outside, and are not anxious to leave even when their terms have expired. The consequence is that even with a small number of guards and insecure places to house the prisoners at night at long distances from the prisons, there are few attempts to escape. With us, it is safe to say, that a small percentage of those confined in the penitentiary could be entrusted outside the walls without a strong force of well-armed guards and steel portable cells in which to confine them when not at work. A much larger percentage of them are sullen, desperate and dangerous men, who would not hesitate to take life, if the chances were anywhere even for successfully eluding the guards.

Health Offices.

Health offices are maintained at Astoria, Gardiner, Marshfield and Yaquina Bay at an annual expense of \$2700. This might with propriety be saved to the state by doing away with these stations. The United States maintains a quarantine station at Astoria in charge of a capable physician, and I have assurances that if the stations at the other points named are abolished they will likewise be placed under federal control. I renew my recommendation of two years ago for the abolishment of the state quarantine service at the points named, because I feel that their establishment and maintenance along the coast comes more properly within the jurisdiction and control of the federal authorities.

Desertion of Family and Wife-Beating.

Desertion of wife and family should be made a crime for which the deserter may be extradited from the state in which he seeks an asylum. Investigation will show that of all the families under the care of private charitable associations no less than one in ten owe their destination to this cause. The laws for the punishment of this grievous crime are inadequate, and deserters know that they have only to step over the state line to secure immunity. These desertions are, in many instances, for the deliberate purpose of evading the support of wife and children, and the burden of their support is thus shifted from the shoulders of a heartless husband and father to the public. A stringent criminal stat-

ute will have a wholesome effect upon these deserters, and I recommend the passage of a law that will bring them back to the state, if not to discharge their duty, then to be supported by the state within the walls of a prison. But criminal statutes will not reach the brute who strikes and beats a defenseless woman, the mother of his children. Imprisonment may be a slight punishment for him, but it is a severe one for the helpless wife and children who are dependent upon him for their daily bread. For such inhuman creatures the public whipping-post has been proven to be the most effective punishment, and I recommend such a law for your consideration.

TALKED TOO MUCH.

Dr. Paasche May Lose His Job for Verbosity.

Berlin, Jan. 12.—Dr. Paasche, the national liberal leader, who recently informed his constituents at Grunbach that Great Britain and Germany were on the verge of war in the latter part of December owing to utterances of the Army and Navy Gazette of London, may have to resign the vice presidency of the reichstag in consequence of the severe criticism.

The government has been greatly annoyed at having to deny the statements made and explain matters.

GOODRICH ENTERTAINED.

Naval Division Is the Guest of Peru's President.

Lima, Peru, Jan. 12.—President Perdo has entertained Rear Admiral Goodrich and staff, the commanders of the ships of the United States Pacific Squadron and 21 subordinate naval infantry.

Other guests were members of the Peruvian cabinet, R. R. Neill, the American charge d'affaires, army and navy officials in Peru.

On Friday President Perdo will take Rear Admiral Goodrich and party by rail to Santo Oro.

VATICAN'S CONTROVERSY.

DeLacasse to Conduct Row With Catholic Church.

Rome, Jan. 12.—According to news received at the vatican, if the French ministry should fall, Paul Roumer, the newly-elected president of the chamber of deputies, will succeed M. Combes as premier. DeLacasse being retained as foreign minister if M. DeLacasse himself will become premier retaining the portfolio of foreign relations of France which includes the controversy with the vatican and the protection of Catholics in the orient.

After British Trade.

Paris, Jan. 12.—The foreign office has cancelled the concession of a leading British firm for building the railroad from Swatow to Chaoshou and has re-granted the concession to a Japanese company. This is taken as indicative of unexpected Japanese inroads upon British business and influence in China.

Army Celebrates.

London, Jan. 12.—There was another monster meeting of the Salvation Army last night, when Commander Booth Tucker was formally elected as foreign secretary. General William Booth presided and introduced Booth Tucker and spoke feelingly of his work in America. There were the usual scenes of enthusiasm.

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35c for 50c all wool.
55c for 57c extra good.
5c for 10c stockings.

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13 to 20 Sizes.
\$3.45 for \$6 and \$7.50 Overcoats.
\$6.95 for \$10 Overcoat.
\$9.95 for \$15 and \$18 Overcoats.

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5c for 15c Celluloid Collars, all styles.
5c for 10c Good Quality Cotton Sox.
8c for 15c Extra Quality Cotton Sox.

10c for ladies' 20c fine Bal. Hose.
12 1/2c for Wool Marino 20c Sox.

17c, 3 pair for 50c, best quality 25c Wool Sox.
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35c for Golf soft bosom or Nobby stiff bosom, also Black Sateen, etc., worth 50c and 65c.

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